

REMARKS

Limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 9 also has been canceled.

Applicant's specification as filed defined the term "network" to comprise a LAN, a WAN, and the Internet. The examiner has cited reference Herbert. Herbert discloses a device employed with telephone networks. Herbert's use of the term "network" must be read in terms of his disclosure and applicant's claims must be read in terms of applicant's disclosure, especially in view of the fact that applicant explicitly defined his meaning of the term. Herbert's telephone network is not equivalent to applicant's LAN, WAN and Internet networks. And a LAN, a WAN, or the Internet is not an evolution of technology that has replaced Herbert's telephone network. Though they all may be networks generally, Herbert's telephone network is a different kind of network from applicant's LAN, WAN and Internet networks, technically and functionally different. Nevertheless, applicant has amended his claims to explicitly require LAN, WAN and Internet networks. Thus, applicant's claims are not anticipated by Herbert who does not employ LAN, WAN, or Internet networks, which in fact did not exist, at least for practical use, at the time of Herbert's disclosure.

Herbert requires that data received through input interfaces in various different formats be reformatted into a common data format prior to being stored in data memory. The Herbert data is then transmitted from data memory in the common format. Applicant stores data received directly in data memory without reformatting. That data is subsequently transferred to an output interface also without reformatting. This is shown in the figures in which buffering data in data memory and transfer of data from data

memory to an output network interface do not include a step of reformatting the data.

These limitations are provided in new claims 45 and 46.

Applicant believes his claims as amended are now in allowable form. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned if a telephone discussion would be helpful in this regard.

CORRECTION TO INVENTOR NAME

Kindly correct the inventor's name currently recorded as "Petel Dow" to "Peter Dow."

Dated: October 31, 2007

For Applicant,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Tingey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Tingey" clearly distinguishable.

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